

GIVE BACK WITH RYAN BOSA



Recently I was asked how I selected Developing World Connections, so if you have a minute to indulge me...

I watched the news as the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami devastated coastal communities around the Indian Ocean. The following year, a friend of mine travelled to Asia and joined a small team of volunteers helping to rebuild homes in Sri Lanka.

The man spearheading that initiative was Wayne McRann and this relief effort was the inception of Developing World Connections (DWC).

Fascinated by their work, I met Wayne a few months later and was captivated by his passion to help those in need. Enthralled by this smart, humble, selfless man on a mission to do extraordinary work, in 2006 I began supporting DWC's efforts.

In 2008 I volunteered for a home building trip in Sri Lanka. Although, DWC had begun projects in Africa and South America, I wanted to see the place where their journey began. By then the global tsunami relief efforts had all but left, however DWC continued to work in the community. The house that I helped build was not for a family that lost theirs, it was for a relief worker who had helped build homes for others while he himself did not have a proper roof over his own head. I met the community, spoke to local politicians, and grew to understand how other charities came and went. However, DWC not only stayed but were now part of the community and had adapted to providing much more than just shelter.

Wayne retired in 2014 and Joshua Molsberry is now at the helm with the same vigor to help and evolve to the changing demands of those in need. Developing World Connections is not a faceless charity to me, they are a small group who does more with the money than any organization I have met.

I'm thankful there are people still doing good work out there and I'm thankful for all of you who have helped by donating or helping to spread the word of the work DWC is doing.

My 2008 trip changed my life and reinforced my commitment to Developing World Connections. Since 2006, I have personally donated \$1,850,000 to the organization.

To-date, our annual Christmas Campaigns have raised over \$450,000 and I would like to thank everyone who has supported our campaigns.

I hope you can again consider sharing in my enthusiasm for DWC's life changing initiatives and this annual Christmas campaign.

Ryan Bosa